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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 402
By Hagood

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jeremy Nix on becoming
an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this legislative body should pause in its deliberations to recognize our youth for their commitment to the development of character, self-reliance and leadership; and

WHEREAS, at a time when the youth of our country face tremendous challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of this nation's greatest assets, providing young people, ages six to twenty, with an educational program geared toward character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Jeremy Nix, after considerable efforts and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, a 1999 graduate of South Doyle High School, where he excelled both academically and in extracurricular activities, Jeremy was a valued member of the high school's band and track teams; and

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WHEREAS, Jeremy was an exemplary student in his high school Russian classes, where he demonstrated a deep interest, and developed the mental acuity needed in succeeding with the Russian language; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy's studious preparations previously led him to travel to Russia once before; he is presently looking forward to traveling to the "mission field" in February 2000 for a two-year stint as a Christian missionary in St. Petersburg, Russia; and

WHEREAS, he was twice honored as being selected as a member of the All-State Chorus in 1998 and, in 2000, for his outstanding vocal talents; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy's exemplary record of accomplishment as a member of his Boy Scout troop includes having earned more than twenty-one merit badges and having exhibited excellent leadership; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy's Eagle project benefited his community and the state of Tennessee, and reflected the fine traditions of the Volunteer State as he planned, developed, and executed his project for the Dogwood Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy's Eagle Project was a success because several flower beds were cultivated at the school to provide a place for not only appreciating the visual and sweet-smelling flowers, but also as a learning project for school children to study ecology; and

WHEREAS, before turning eighteen, a young man must earn twenty-one merit badges to be considered for the honor of being an Eagle Scout, twelve of which are required badges and nine are of his own personal choice; and

WHEREAS, requirements for Eagle also include a demonstration of the Scout Spirit by living the Scout Oath; and

WHEREAS, a Scout must serve in leadership positions within the troop before planning and executing the Eagle Scout Project, which is to be of great service to a religious institution, school, or the Scout's community; and

WHEREAS, an Eagle Scout receives approval of his project from the Scoutmaster, Troop Committee, and the Council before he embarks upon his momentous task; and

WHEREAS, all Eagle Scouts have a Scoutmaster Conference and must successfully complete an Eagle Board of Review; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy achieved all of those goals, and more, as the conscientious young man that he is; and

WHEREAS, young men of honor and integrity, who exemplify the true spirit of America, faithfully deserve this body's commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. Jeremy Nix on becoming an Eagle Scout and wish him much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.